Appointment of safai karamcharis in banks

2744. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nationalized banks are making fresh appointments of full-time sweepers, instead of promoting their part-time sweepers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; the number of part-time sweepers and the reasons for not promoting part-time sweepers; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to regularize part-time sweepers as full-time permanent employees in nationalized banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pension fund from disinvestment proceeds

2745. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has mooted the creation of a permanent fund for pension from part of the disinvestment proceeds; and

(b) what other steps are proposed in the matter of pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995, framed under the provisions of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, is already applicable to factories and establishments specified under Schedule I of the said Act, employing 20 or more persons. This scheme is constantly monitored and fine-tuned for better implementation.